

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

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REMARKS

Claims 8-12 and 14-16 are canceled and claims 40-47 are added; As a result, claims 1-7, 13, 17-29, and 33-47 are now pending in this application.

Claims 8-12 and 14-16 were canceled by the Examiner's Amendment in the Notice of Allowability on February 20, 2004.

On May 20, 2004, Applicant paid the issue fee and submitted a Rule 312 Amendment to amend claims 8-12 and 14-16 so that claims 8-12 and 14-16 depend from the allowed claims.

On August 17, 2004, the Examiner issued an Official Communication indicating that the Rule 312 Amendment was disapproved because claims 8-12 and 14-16 were canceled and therefore new claims (amended claims 8-12 and 14-16) must be numbered 40-47.

In this supplemental Rule 312 Amendment, Applicant has renumbered the new claims with numbers 40-47. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 40-47 be reconsidered and allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that these changes do not introduce new matter, and the claims are allowable without further search or consideration. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 1.312, and is respectfully requested.

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